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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/068,052
Filing Date	April 29, 1998
Examiner Name	Toan Ton
First Named Inventor	Kiyotaka Koide et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Attorney Docket Number	9319S-0000083

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 1,340 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	G. Gregory Schuyler	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,382
Signature		Date	March 1, 2002

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
105	130	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet

139	130	139	130		Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520		For filing a request for reexamination
112	920*	112	920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action

113	1,840*	113	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
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115	110	215	55		Extension for reply within first month
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116	400	216	200		Extension for reply within second month
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117	920	217	460		Extension for reply within third month
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118	1,440	218	720		Extension for reply within fourth month
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128	1,960	228	980		Extension for reply within fifth month
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119	320	219	160		Notice of Appeal
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120	320	220	160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal
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121	280	221	140		Request for oral hearing
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138	1,510	138	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding
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140	110	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable
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141	1,260	241	640		Petition to revive - unintentional
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142	1,280	242	640		Utility issue fee (or reissue)
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143	460	243	230		Design issue fee
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144	620	244	310		Plant issue fee
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122	130	122	130		Petitions to the Commissioner
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123	50	123	50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)
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126	180	126	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
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581	40	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
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146	740	246	370		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
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149	740	249	370		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.126(b))
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179	740	279	370		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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169	900	169	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application
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Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 740)

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